

ALVINO TISSIDIMIT,
Appellant

v.

SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES OF
THE FORT HALL RESERVATION,
Appellee

: Order Docketing and Dismissing
: Appeal
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: Docket No. IBIA 98-48-A
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: January 20, 1998

On January 13, 1998, the Board of Indian Appeals received a filing from Alvino Tissidimit, who states that he is "Requesting an Appeal for Denial Request for Work and Release from the Tribal Police department." Tissidimit further states that he is a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation and is incarcerated in the tribal jail, from which he seeks release.

Although he does not so label his request, Tissidimit appears to be seeking a writ of habeas corpus. The Board is not a court of general jurisdiction and has no authority to grant writs of habeas corpus. In re Petition of Mary V. McRae, 29 IBIA 300 (1996). If relief is not available to him in tribal court, Tissidimit may file for a writ of habeas corpus in Federal court. 25 U.S.C. § 1303 (1994). If he needs assistance in this regard, he is advised to consult a legal services organization in his area.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 C.F.R. § 4.1, this appeal is docketed but is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

Anita Vogt
Administrative Judge

Kathryn A. Lynn
Chief Administrative Judge